IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Criminal Case No. 3:10cr00033-1
)
v.) <u>MEMORANDUM OPINION</u>
)
ANTWAN LAMAR JACKSON,) By: Norman K. Moon
Petitioner.) United States District Judge

Antwan Lamar Jackson, a federal inmate proceeding *pro se*, filed a motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Upon review of the motion and court records, however, I conclude that the current § 2255 motion must be dismissed as an unauthorized, successive motion.

Jackson challenges his sentence of life plus 120 months for murder and various drug and firearm offenses in connection with a drug distribution conspiracy. Court records indicate that Jackson previously filed a § 2255 motion regarding the same convictions and sentence, which I denied. *See* Docket Nos. 132, 152, and 153. I may consider a second or successive § 2255 motion only upon specific certification from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit that the claims in the motion meet certain criteria. *See* § 2255(h). As Jackson has not submitted any evidence of having obtained certification from the Court of Appeals to file a second or successive § 2255 motion, I must dismiss the current action without prejudice. ¹

ENTER: This 26th day of July, 2016.

NORMAN K. MOON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ Jackson also filed a motion to stay the court's consideration of his § 2255 motion until such time that the United State Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled on his motion seeking authorization to file a second or successive § 2255 motion. The Court of Appeals recently denied Jackson's request and, therefore, his motion to stay is now moot. *In re: Antwan Lamar Jackson*, No. 16-9860 (4th Cir. July 21, 2016).